

ROBIN, ILL IN BED, IS UNDER ARREST

Irregularities Are Found in
Banks Closed in Gotham.

CHARGE OF FORGERY LIKELY

Following Discovery of Thefts from
Savings Bank in New York, the In-
stitution Is Ordered Closed—Testi-
mony of Frederick K. Morris
Shows Alarming Condition.

New York, Dec. 29.—A few hours after his indictment by the grand jury on a charge of grand larceny, this afternoon, Joseph G. Robin was arrested at the home of his sister, Dr. Louise G. Robin, of 28 West 126th street. William Travers Jerome, according to his promise, told District Attorney Whitman where to find Robin, and two detectives, armed with a bench warrant issued by Judge Crain, took Robin in custody. The prisoner, who was ill, was watched all night by the detectives in his bedroom. He will probably appear in General Sessions to-morrow morning and make application for release on bond.

Next to Robin's arrest, the most sensational development in the story to-day was brought out in the testimony of Frederick K. Morris, Robin's confidential man, before the grand jury. Robin got away with \$50,000 in checks delivered by the Washington Savings Bank, of New York, on a mortgage supposed to have been made by the Fidelity Development Company, owners of the Morris Park property. No such mortgage was executed by that company.

May Make Forgery Charge.

When he was asked whether a charge of forgery could not have been made in this instance, District Attorney Whitman said that probably it could have, but that his purpose was to seize the clearest charge and place it before the grand jury. He said he expected to get a lot of additional indictments against Robin. Also, officers of the banks involved and directors will go before the grand jury.

Former District Attorney Jerome, as Robin's counsel, was closeted with Mr. Whitman for some time in the morning. The two went downstairs to General Sessions, arriving just as Judge Crain was dismissing the grand jury.

Mr. Jerome suggested that a bench warrant be issued and that until to-morrow a guard be placed over Robin. He suggested that both he and the district attorney select a physician to examine the patient physically and mentally.

Robin was taken to his sister's house in West 126th street in the afternoon. Detectives Flood and Lee went up there and arrested him. He went to bed because he was said to be sick. Dr. Austin Flint, called for Mr. Jerome, and Dr. William Mahon for the district attorney, examined the prisoner to-night, and in the morning they'll give their opinion as to whether or not Robin can be taken to the Criminal Court building to plea to the indictment.

Must Go to Court.

Mr. Whitman was interested mainly in Robin's physical condition. He said that if Robin is able to be moved he will have to plead to the indictment.

Following the discovery of Robin's thefts from the Washington Savings Bank, of which he is president, the State banking department, which had had notice that institution to remain open and receive the few deposits that were offered on Wednesday, when the bank gave notice that it would enforce the sixty-day rule, took charge to-day and closed the bank's doors.

O. H. Cheney, superintendent of banks, said this step seemed necessary by reason of that bank's relations to the Northern Bank.

The bank on July 31 last had deposits of \$1,410,235, of which 7,000 depositors. The bank is at Columbus circle and Fifty-ninth street, and many of its depositors are negroes who live in the neighborhood. All day there was a group of people waiting anxiously about the door, hoping to get some hint of the conditions revealed by the examination going on inside. They questioned every one who went in or out, but learned nothing.

Failed to Give Receipt.

It came out in Mr. Morris' testimony that Robin got not only \$50,000 from the Washington Savings Bank on the certificates of participation in a nonexistent mortgage, but that on August 17 last he got \$27,000 from the bank by the same means, but without bothering to give a certificate of participation, and on August 23 last took out \$30,000 more, also without troubling with certificates. In other words, the \$27,000 and \$30,000 were handed out to him just because he asked for it, and without the bank receiving at the time even a piece of paper to show that Robin owed it the money.

In both of these cases the stubs in the

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BOILER EXPLOSION FATAL TO SIXTEEN

Score of Others Are Hurt in
Pittsfield Accident.

SAFETY VALVE FAILS TO WORK

Men in Shed to Keep Warm, Pre-
paratory to Cutting Ice, When
Structure Is Demolished by Ex-
plosion—Senator Crane Goes to Re-
lief of Families of Victims.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 29.—Fourteen men were instantly killed and two have since died from injuries received in the explosion of a tubular boiler in the engine-house of the Moorewood Lake Ice Company, on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, a mile and a half southeast of Pittsfield, this morning. More than twenty-five men were hurt, fourteen of whom were taken to the House of Mercy Hospital.

The injured.
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The Dead.

WILLIAM DUNN.
EDGAR D. ALLEN.
JOHN RAYMOND.
LEROY PERKINS.
GEORGE ALBERT BENCE.
WYATT MOORE.
ELMER E. ELDRIDGE.
FRED BOUTHER.
ARTHUR DEPOON.
JAMES MCMAHON.
ABELINE GALLAGHER.
GEORGE BOUGHTAINING.
WILLIAM J. KELSO.
GEORGE WARD.
MARTIN F. SMITH.
One unidentified body.

The Injured.

Joseph Patten, skull wound.
R. E. Moore, face lacerated.
George W. Nye, injuries not serious.
Robert Hay, skull wound.
Michael J. Kinner, injuries not serious.
Myron Burr, injuries not serious.
Charles O. Kean, cut about the face.
Augusta Johnson, head cut and shoulder dislocated.

Fred Boscar, entire body burned; condition serious.
Henry Towser, blood vessels ruptured; condition critical.

Charles S. Barber, serious scalp wound.

Adolpho Lee, condition critical.

The police theory of the explosion is that a new safety valve which had been installed was choked in the pipe leading from the boiler to the valve, and that when the gauge was set for only forty pounds, the boiler may have been carrying 200 pounds when it blew up.

Crane Goes to Relief.

Senator W. Murray Crane, of Dalton, on hearing the news of the accident, drove to Pittsfield and conferred with Mayor MacInnis with regard to relief of the families of the dead and injured. The senator and the members of the Crane family in Dalton immediately subscribed \$1,500, and prominent citizens of Pittsfield a sum which to-night reached nearly \$2,000. The property losses to the ice company is \$5,000.

The Moorewood Lake Ice Company claims that but two of the men killed were on their pay roll. The remainder had gathered at the ice house for employment, which was to begin with the operation of the engine for hoisting ice, which the wrecked boiler was to furnish steam. None of these men, with the exception of Engineer William Dunn, sixty years old, and Fireman George Ward, who were among the killed, had been engaged for the harvesting.

This statement by the company is significant. It means that in the event of damage claims against it the company will set up that they are not responsible for the loss of life of the other fourteen victims and the score injured.

Nearly Hundred Present.

The explosion took place about 9:45 o'clock. There were in the boiler and engine house at that time about twenty men. Every one of these men were either killed or injured. Outside were gathered between sixty and eighty men. They were either leaning against the building or in groups waiting for the boiler to get up steam sufficient to start the hoist.

No man lives to tell what happened inside the building. Survivors outside the boiler house say that suddenly they were lifted from their feet and hurled into space. A detonation was heard in Pittsfield. To those on the spot it seemed as if the force of the explosion was mostly upward.

SHIRINERS HOLD ELECTION.

Illustrious Potentate Adams, of Milwaukee, Makes an Address.
Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine made final arrangements for an indoor circus and held its annual election of officers at National Rifles Armory last night. Thomas H. Adams, illustrious potentate of Tripoli Temple of Milwaukee, Wis., was a visitor and made a short address.

The Royal & Adams two-ring indoor circus has been secured by Almas Temple for a week's performance, beginning January 15, in Convention Hall.

The polls for the election of officers opened at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and closed at 5 o'clock. The election resulted as follows: Adolphus Gude, potentate; W. Hamilton Smith, chief rabbi; James T. Gibbs, assistant chief rabbi; Cary S. Frye, high priest and prophet; John A. Ellinger, oriental guide; F. A. Sebring, treasurer; Harrison Dingman, recorder; Adolphus Gude, Alexander Grant, Thomas P. Morgan, and Joseph G. Stelle, representatives to the Imperial Council at Rochester in May, 1911.

The officers were installed by Past Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman.

Funeral of Col. J. H. Robinson.
Funeral services were held Wednesday for Col. J. Hancock Robinson, private secretary to Senator Percy, of Mississippi, who died in his office last Monday. Rev. Herbert Scott Smith officiated. The body was placed in a vault in Glenwood Cemetery and later will be buried at Louisville, Ky.

MIDDIES WILL HAVE VERY STRONG CREW

Big Event of the Season Will Be Two-mile Race
with University of Pennsylvania.

Annapolis, Dec. 29.—The rowing season at the Naval Academy is awaited with much interest and there is every indication of one of the strongest crews that has represented the navy for many seasons, as well as good junior crews, including second and third eights, the fourth class eight and one of two fours. An effort is being made to secure some races for the fours, a contest of the kind not having taken place here since the early days of rowing at the Academy.

The distinct event of the season will be the races scheduled with the University of Pennsylvania after aquatic relations had been discontinued for a half dozen years. Pennsylvania will bring its varsity and freshman crews to Annapolis on May 6. The varsity and the first navy crew will contest over the two-mile course, while the freshman and fourth class crews will pull a half mile less. The only other race definitely fixed is that with Columbia on May 13. However, it is likely that Syracuse and Princeton will both send crews to Annapolis, the latter probably a four.

No Race with Harvard.
It is settled that there will be no races with Harvard this season, but negotiations are still pending with Yale, though the chances of a race are not great. There is also a correspondence in progress with Princeton, and it is hoped that the latter will use its newly granted permission to arrange one or two races by sending at least a four to Annapolis. Syracuse will also have the men who composed the excellent fourth-class crew last season and a number of good men in junior boats.

Additional to Squad.

The rowing squad will get several notable additions from other branches of sport. Douglas, the tall football tackle, basketball and lacrosse player, is going to make a strong effort to make the first crew this year. He abandoned lacrosse and fourth class last spring, but did not get further than the third boat. This season he is likely to do better. Brown, the big football guard from the fourth class, has decided that he will row, but whether on the varsity or not is a question, and he also needs to learn the art of rowing from the beginning. Dalton, the husky half back, who has been elected captain of the football team, and McReavy, the fourth-class man, who did such fine work in the back field, are both inclined to take up the rowing game. Both are wanted in other fields, however. Dalton a hurdler on the field and track team and McReavy on the nine.

Richard Glendon, the coach, is expected in Annapolis about the middle of January. Work on the machines and in the tank will begin at once upon his arrival, and the crews will get on the water just as soon as weather permits.

THE KIND BOY.

The other day, while homeward waddlin', I slipped and fell around a block, and I was rendered sick and mauldin by getting such a beastly shock. And sundry little boys stood near me and filled with joyous shouts the glen; they thought it fun to gibe and jeer me, and say: "O please, do that again!" I listened to the rude things spoken, and teardrops trickled down my face, for all my ribs and back were broken, my vitals all jarred out of place. "The modern boy is but a viper," I muttered, as they laughed again; "when he in wickedness is ripe, they'll surely take him to the pen. Had I a son who'd laugh and chortle, and paw with glee the fertile soil, when viewing some poor stricken mortal, I'd surely boil that youth in oil." Then came a youth in quite a hurry, to help me in my awful plight. He softly murmured: "Do not worry; your bones will set again all right." He got a pole and then he pried me, out of the pavement to my feet, and then he kindly walked beside me, and helped me up the village street. A boy like that—all men will love him, while in this world his face they see, and when the green grass grows above him, the world will prize his memory!

WALT MASON.

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MORE CONFESSIONS MADE.

Vote Sellers Flock to Court to Tell Their Fault.

West Union, Ohio, Dec. 29.—The special grand jury investigating wholesale buying of votes in Adams County returned 166 indictments, which brings the total up to 268. Indications are that the number will be increased to 1,500.

The "bought and sold" voters are making a rush to confess and gain leniency. A hundred men who had not yet been indicted yesterday flocked into the court room and confessed to having sold their franchise. In most instances, Judge Blair gives the men and pronounced a six months' workhouse sentence. The imprisonment sentence, however, is usually suspended.

The widowed mother of a first voter, who went to stand at the head of a voting line, was asked to tell the court what she had done for \$5, is not the only woman who is expected to confess. Among the voters who confessed they had tainted their citizenship were men who had sold their franchise to Lincoln and boys who cast their first ballots for Harding or Harmon. One farmer in the Jacksonville precinct confessed that on a recent election day he had thrice bartered his vote away, each sale to a different interest.

In Manchester, a manufacturing town, the shops are closed and home hoards of cash are depleted after the season of gift-giving and holiday extravaganzas. It is a problem with many where to raise the \$12-\$15 fine and \$7 costs—which they must pay. Their workhouse sentences are re-mitted.

AS BRYAN SEES IT.

Many Planks of the Democratic Platform Vindicated.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 29.—W. J. Bryan to-day made public his declaration to attend the Baltimore Jackson Day banquet on January 17. He says, in part: "It is impossible to be present, and, I hesitated to send a letter to be read at the celebration, lest it might prove a discordant note, if, as I would infer from the preliminary arrangement, those who originated the meeting were dissatisfied with the platform. That platform was satisfactory to the party two years ago and satisfactory to the rank and file now. The victory of last month was in my judgment largely due to the fact that several planks of that platform had already been vindicated by events and events have since the election vindicated other planks."

Honduras Rebellion at Hand.

City of Mexico, Dec. 29.—Honduras here confirm the reports sent out from Honduras of a rebellion in that country planned by Gen. Bonilla and Lee Christman. Most of the Hondurans here are exiles, and they naturally sympathize with any rebellion.

Wife Gives Blood In Vain.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 29.—William H. Troon, president of the Lynn board of trade, is dead at his home here, although his wife gave her blood in an effort to save him. He suffered from a series of nasal hemorrhages, which weakened his system to such an extent that the transfusion was advised. It failed to prolong his life, however.

Yellow Fever in Managua.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 29.—Several cases of yellow fever have occurred here. An epidemic is feared.

A fourteen-story skyscraper planned for Milan will be the highest business building in Southern Europe.

PHYSICIANS HOLD LEPROSY EXHIBIT

View Nine Patients at New
York Symposium.

DECRY POPULAR HYSTERIA

Doctors Aver that Disease Is Neither
Infectious Nor Contagious in Any
Consistent Way—Lepers Attend
Meeting Under Care of Attendants
and Bare Lesions for Inspection.

New York, Dec. 29.—Nine lepers in various stages of the two types of the disease were exhibited at a symposium upon leprosy held at the Academy of Medicine to-night. The lepers were brought from various local institutions, and after they had bared their lesions to the inspection of the assembled doctors they departed in charge of physicians or attendants.

Among them were a negro girl, a male negro, an Italian, who illustrated the advanced stage of tubercular leprosy, and who wears the terrible knobbed "lion face" that Father Damien is said to have died with; a Russian, and a Chinaman. One patient, brought by Dr. Outman was a young girl in rose-colored flannel, wearing a large hat, and a dress with short sleeves that left bare her marred arms.

Hysteria Is Depreciated.

The degree of danger from leprosy and the manner of its communication were topics upon which the authorities varied. One doctor who appeared on the program was overheard to say that he would rather sleep in a closed room with ten lepers than with one tuberculous patient, and that leprosy was neither contagious nor in any appreciable sense infectious, but others differed with him.

ELKS LODGE GIVES DANCE.

Programme Enjoyed by 150 Couples
at Club's Home.

Washington Lodge, No. 15, B. P. O. Elks, held its first dance before the New Year in its club home at 519 H street northwest last night.

The dance was given under direction of the library committee, and 150 couples enjoyed a programme of twenty dances and encores. The committee is composed of Samuel Richards, chairman; Joseph H. Wood, secretary; E. F. Sager, treasurer; Conrad Hoffman, P. E. Coffey, and Albert S. Smith.

Woman's Assault Sought.

Police of the Ninth precinct are searching for a negro who attacked Mrs. Della Schley in the rear yard of her home, at 177 Massachusetts avenue northeast, Tuesday night. The negro sprang at her, striking her in the face and knocking her to the ground. The woman called for help and the culprit fled. The woman was not seriously injured.

Court Officials Remembered.

Judge Pugh and Judge Mulwony, of the Police Court, and Assistant United States Attorney Ralph Given and Assistant Corporation Counsel Gus A. Shultz were each presented with a gold-handled umbrella yesterday by the jurymen who have served in the Police Court for the term of October, November, and December.

No Fighting in Haiti.

No fighting has yet occurred over the boundary dispute between Haiti and Santo Domingo, according to a dispatch received at the War Department yesterday. The armies of the two governments are massed on either side of the Perduales River, which forms the boundary line between the two countries. It is expected, however, that hostilities will be avoided and the boundary dispute settled amicably.

Alhambra Caravan Gives Banquet.

Alhambra Caravan, No. 21, gave a banquet last night at Roy's, Seventh and G streets northwest, and made merry for several hours. Presents were distributed from the tree, and short talks made by P. J. Heltigan, Leo Harlowe, Joseph Mitchell, James A. O'Shea, and Dr. W. E. Pairo.

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Another Intellectual Feast.

Our many readers who desire to profit by their experience of the last two weeks, when, having omitted to order the Sunday edition of

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from their newsdealers in time, they had to do without its exceptionally interesting and entertaining features, will do well if they place their orders this week in good time to avoid a repetition of their disappointment.

As usual, freaks are tabbed. The Sunday edition of The Washington Herald is, and shall remain, a paper for the family and fireside. Essays of literary value need neither frills nor embellishments; they are welcome and appreciated by lovers of good literature without fancy additions.

In order to substantiate our claim as to the contents of next Sunday's edition of The Washington Herald, we give herewith a synopsis of them, as follows:

Trying to Oust a \$378,000,000 Corporation

The life story of Hiram Johnson and his present determined effort to kick the Southern Pacific Railroad octopus out of California politics.

A Decade's Leading Events

A belletristic description of historical, social, and political occurrences during the first ten years of the present century, in all parts of the universe, culled from the papers of the day, especially for the readers of The Washington Herald.

The New Rulers of India

Perfect understanding between Lord Crewe, British secretary of state and leader of the government forces in the House of Commons, and the new viceroy, Lord Hardinge.

The Use of the Botanic Gardens

Vivid description of the career of the monagenarian caretaker of the government gardens, who for over forty years has divided his love between the flowers and his oracle, "Bobbie" Burns. His friendship with leading men and women of the country * * * Those who go to seek rest among the flora of Uncle Sam.

Lords Sound Their Own Death Knell

One thing of the utmost importance which has been brought about by the recent Parliamentary election in Great Britain, for which the House of Commons had fought ever since the days of Bright—"the House of Lords has no right to exist solely on the basis of 'hereditary right.'"

Mutiny on the High Seas

The recent events in the harbor of Rio among the Brazilian men-o-war recall similar occurrences in the navies of other nations. "There never was an open mutiny among Uncle Sam's sailors."

The Need of a Parcels Post

The bill for the establishment of the service in this country, so often before Congress, and its present chance of success. How the parcels post works in other lands, and especially what it does for Germany.

Story of "Christ," the Artist's Model

Remarkable likeness of the face and head of an insurance agent to those of the Redeemer, and the sequel to the work, which had the usual happy ending: "When they were married."

There are many more items of interest, too numerous, in fact, to mention in detail. Here is a short description of them:

WOMEN'S WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

THE STORY OF THE ORDERLY SERGEANT.

HYPNOTIZED BY A "CROOK"—SAD STORY OF AN IMMIGRANT.

ROOSEVELT ON THE "MINER AT HOME."

THE MAN FROM THE SEA—STORY OF OUR NAVY.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS IN OTHER LANDS.

PREPARING FOR THE CORONATION.

IS BAPTISMAL IMMERSION NECESSARY?

MYSTERY OF THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

We feel that our readers, after perusing all we have prepared for their Sunday entertainment, while taking their weekly rest in the midst of their families, will agree with us that it is "the best yet." But better intellectual treats are in store for them as we progress. We are perfecting arrangements with authors and writers of note for exclusive essays on the social, political, and economic questions, also with short story writers, for production in the Sunday edition of The Washington Herald, sparing neither trouble nor expense to have the satisfaction of hearing our readers say that they "get the best."

Do not fail to order your copy of the Sunday issue of The Washington Herald in time.